



**H.R. 1036– To authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation.**

**Floor Situation**

H.R. 1036 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK) on February 13, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on House Transportation and Infrastructure, by voice vote, on May 10, 2007.

H.R. 1036 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on May 15, 2007.

*\*Note: Similar legislation in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, (H.R. 6026), was received in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and never considered in the full House of Representatives.*

**Summary**

H.R. 1036 requires the Administrator of the General Services (GSA) to convey a parcel (approximately 78,000 square feet in Anchorage, Alaska), no later than 2 years after the enactment of this legislation, to the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARC), an entity of the State of Alaska. The legislation requires the ARC to either pay fair market value or build a building that the GSA determines to be an appropriate replacement.

**Background**

The ARC was originally a federally owned entity until the State of Alaska took ownership of the Railway. In the 1980's the State of Alaska purchased ARC from the Federal Government for \$22.3 million. GSA retained half of the land for operations. As ARC has expanded the need additional space for operations and this legislation allows the State of Alaska to purchase the land from the GSA.

**Cost**

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) "H.R. 1036 would require the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) to convey within two years the GSA Fleet Management Center located in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Railroad Corporation. The corporation is owned by the state of Alaska. The legislation would require that the Alaska Railroad Corporation pay fair market value for the site

(approximately \$2 million) or provide a replacement facility. Proceeds from the sale would be deposited in GSA's Federal Buildings Fund and could be spent on any authorized activities without further appropriation action. Because of that new spending authority, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase direct spending by \$2 million in 2010 or 2011".

The legislation would not affect revenues.

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